

177 called "The Morning Star", was established by Dr. Mason
538 in Tavoy. This was the oldest vernacular newspaper in
204 Burma, with a continuous history up to the time its
publication was stopped by the Japanese occupation.
It was cut off when it was about to celebrate its centenary.

177 The Karens were carrying on work of research,
875 medical practice, and other scientific branches in which
they were showing real ability. There were Karen lec-
turers in the University.

177 The churches established by the missionaries had
794 become self-supporting. No money was being paid from
871 America for regular church work among the Karens, with
the exception of grants for a few schools and for pioneer-
ing work among outlying tribes. They had their own
associational organizations in which the churches of a
district were combined and the stronger made contribu-
tions to help the weaker, to support their Theological
Training School at Insein, to maintain town schools which
were conducted with boarding departments for the benefit
of the whole district, and to subsidize evangelistic work
in distant places.

177 The Baptist churches among the Karens combined
795 with the churches of other peoples in Burma to form the
Burma Baptist Convention. Their annual meetings were
often attended by as many as three or four thousand dele-
gates and were sources of inspiration as well as opportu-
nities to plan for further work. The Karens shared the
honours of president and officers with Burmans and others.
Among other churches such as the Anglican and Roman
Catholic which conducted work among the Karens, they
had their conferences and carried on their work according
to the genius of their own church.